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The Honorable Colleen McMahon United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Gibron Lopez, et al.</u> 15 Cr. 002 (CM)

Dear Judge McMahon:

The Government writes to provide an update on the status of the above-captioned matter. Four defendants were initially arrested on December 18, 2014, and were subsequently charged by complaint filed on December 19, 2014. A copy of the Complaint is attached here for the Court's convenience. On January 5, 2015, the Government obtained a three-count Indictment charging all four defendants in a robbery conspiracy, narcotics conspiracy, and related firearms count. The Government attempted to schedule an arraignment and initial pretrial conference before the Court on Thursday, January 8, 2015. However, several of the defendants' attorneys were not available on that date. As a result, the Court has scheduled the conference on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

As the conference was scheduled at a later date due to the unavailability of defense counsel, the Government further requests that the time between today and January 13, 2015 be excluded pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act. The Government submits that the interests of justice outweigh the interests of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial. In addition, counsel for all defendants consent to the exclusion of speedy time through January 13, 2015.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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